GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1651
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DISEASE IN SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugar producers have been adversely affected due to shoot borer disease in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme of the Government to control the disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government would provide any financial assistance to sugar producers of Maharashtra for control of shoot borer disease on sugar;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Government of Maharashtra have informed that no incidence of shoot borer pest has as yet been reported in the State.

(b) to (f): Yes, Sir. In case of any pest/disease infestation in sugarcane, the affected farmers are provided with 25% subsidy for insecticides, biopesticides and plant protection equipment under the Centrally Sponsored Sugarcane Development Scheme for which an amount of Rs.130.00 lakhs has been earmarked for 2004-05